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31st Annual Governor's EEO Conference, today at Muhammad Ali Center

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 8, 2017) - Today, more than 275 state leaders convened in Louisville at the Muhammad Ali Center to participate in the Governor's 31st Annual Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) conference.

"This conference gives state leaders an opportunity to share best practices for building an inclusive work environment, one of the core values by which our state agencies operate," said Personnel Cabinet Secretary Thomas Stephens. "This is a perfect location to honor and learn from those who have enhanced diversity and inclusion."

Nathaniel "Nate" Northington, the first African-American football player in the Southeastern Conference, provided the opening remarks.

Sessions throughout the day included topics on implicit bias, ADA accommodations, and social media, as well as panel discussions on conducting investigations, and diversity and inclusion.

Secretary of Justice and Public Safety John C. Tilley provided the keynote address during the conference luncheon. "A diverse and inclusive workforce in state government is essential to providing the best services possible to the taxpayers. Not only does it promote fairness, equality and effectiveness in the

workplace, it deepens public confidence in our efforts and it ensures that our priorities reflect the diverse communities we serve,” he said.

Also during the luncheon, the annual Charles W. Anderson Laureate Award was presented posthumously to Muhammad Ali, and received by Donald Lassere, President and CEO of the Ali Center. Named for the first African American legislator in Kentucky who worked to support equal employment in the Commonwealth, the Anderson Award is presented to those who have made unparalleled contributions in the quest for equal opportunity.

For more information on the conference or other programs and services provided by the Personnel Cabinet’s Office of Diversity, Equality and Training, visit <https://personnel.ky.gov/Pages/diversity.aspx>.

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